



The main aims of the Parish Action Plan are to build community spirit in Dane End and adjoining hamlets and create a programme to guide the parish during the next five years and beyond. In order to succeed, it will need the enthusiastic backing of the whole parish, so we need to create a plan that meets people's needs and one that is achievable in terms of timescale and resources.

Making our parish an even better place in which to live starts, we believe, with communication: a more ambitious Parish News to reflect the activities - and opinions - of everybody who lives and works here and to reposition the mundens.net website as one of the most effective - and quickest - ways of circulating information within the parish, or simply 'chatting' to each other.

In order for us to succeed in this and the other actions listed, to which the Parish Council has committed, we need the enthusiastic backing of the whole parish. Please support us in the development of detailed plans for each of these projects which we propose in three phases: Short Term (6 - 18 months), Medium Term (1 - 3 years), Longer Term (3 - 5 years (or more)). Specifically, we need those who want to get involved to contact us, including young people in the village, to whom we need to provide more say, encouraging them to take a more active role by working with the Parish Council and expressing their views (*see page 6 for contact details*).

SHORT TERM (6 – 18 months)

COMMUNICATION WITH PARISHIONERS

- To promote the majority view that more emphasis be placed on the Newsletter being Parish, rather than Church, led.
- To seek a potential Advertising Manager.
- To look at reformatting the design of the Newsletter and to seek volunteers to help.

- To make the website more user friendly, relevant and up-to-date.

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

- To publish the agenda and a précis of the minutes monthly in the Newsletter.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

- To continue trying to identify original co-ordinators and to try to establish whether they are still active.
- To relaunch the scheme through the Newsletter and the Website.
- To contact the Online Watch Link (OWL) to get their help in the relaunch of the scheme.

HORSES' MEADOW DETRITUS

- Maintain communications with the Police and Anti-Social Behaviour Unit.
- Put up new signage for authorised/unauthorised uses.
- Install gate lock and chain, possibly with combination lock.
- Provide additional litter bin(s), particularly at the top of the field.

TENNIS

- Encourage other local Tennis Clubs such as Watton-at-Stone to promote their facilities through the Newsletter and Website.
- Investigate possibilities of using private schools' facilities.

COMMUNITY POLICING

- Inform Parishioners times of Beat Surgeries through Newsletter/Website.

DOG FOULING

- Report offences to East Herts Environmental Services Team.
- Consider the provision of additional Dog Mess bin(s).
- Move Waymarker discs at the start of FootPath 1 so they are more visible.
- Continue with "Bag it and Bin it" campaign.

FOOTPATH FP1 / LITTLE MUNDEN SCHOOL

- Monitor progress towards the resolution of the dispute.

MUNDENS.NET 'TRADERS' PAGE

- Compile a comprehensive list of local traders.

FREE SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH

- Ensure pre-end of summer term Newsletter includes information about activities provided.

MEDIUM TERM (1 – 3 years)

TRAFFIC CALMING

- To discuss traffic calming measures such as vehicle activated speed signs with Hertfordshire Highways.
- To enquire of Hertfordshire Constabulary the availability of a mobile vehicle activated speed sign for occasional use.
- To aim for a 20 mph speed limit on lesser roads, with the help of Hertfordshire Highways.

BUS SHELTER

- To establish a suitable site through consultation with Hertfordshire Highways and local residents.
- To seek funding for an appropriate Bus Shelter/Teen Shelter.

YOUTH INFORMAL MEETING PLACE

- Further to examine the purpose, size and location of and funding for a teen shelter.
- To involve the Youth in what is proposed in order to get them to take responsibility for the project and its sustainability.

DISABILITY DROP CURBS

- Contact those for whom this is a problem and make representations to Hertfordshire Highways.

MOBILE PHONE RECEPTION

- Contact other UK mobile phone network operators for details of any plans to build sites in the Dane End area.

ALLOTMENTS

- Look into the possibility of identifying and making available more allotments through reclamation of Common Land

LONG TERM (3 – 5 years)

PLANNING

- Respond to the development by East Herts Council of the Core Strategy Preferred Options consultations to accommodate 8,500 new dwellings and supporting infrastructure in the district by 2013.

YOUTH MEETING PLACE

- Consult youngsters as to what activities they want included.
- Contact other local Councils to find out what activities they provide for youngsters in different age groups.
- Enlist parental volunteers.
- Find a suitable venue for youngsters to meet.

SKATEBOARDING

- Establish, in consultation with youngsters, the precise type and extent of skate ramps required.
- Identify site.
- Consider Health & Safety and Public Liability aspects.
- Get in touch with parent volunteers to develop ideas discussed so far.
- Seek third party funding and get youth involved with matching fund raising.

CONTACTS

If you want to get involved, please contact:

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